



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2011!

By the time the New Year has begun the days are already beginning to get longer and the cycle of nature already has spring in its developing buds, even though there may well be cold and wintry days ahead. Winter flowering trees and shrubs are a wonderful prelude to warmer days – signs of colour and life when so much is dormant – waiting.

The celebrations (and perhaps excesses!) of the Christmas festivities are behind us – and now we look ahead to this new unfolding year. Some things will not have changed, but life never stands still. I wonder if you can think of at least one thing you are looking forward to this year? - perhaps a holiday? meeting old friends? trying a new sport or hobby? lowering your golf handicap? setting yourself a new challenge? spending time with the family? trying some new foods? Having something to look forward to can help us through the dullest and coldest days, giving us a sense of anticipation and purpose.

Whatever this year holds, there is one thing we can count on: the trustworthiness of God's care and love in Christ. Don't let busyness, prejudice or learned contempt deter you from exploring the possibilities of a real and deepening relationship with God. The love, joy and peace that God offers in Jesus are real, as is the hope that can abound in our lives through the patient work of the Holy Spirit within us. 2011 could be the best year of your life!

With my warmest best wishes for a great New Year,

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer for the Month:

Gracious God and Father, you hold this New Year in the palm of your hand as something you cherish. You promise that your love is inexhaustible in Christ, and that your word is trustworthy, and dependable. Help us to trust ourselves, and those closest to us, to your care and love this year. Help us to work together for the wellbeing of our community and for the care of this beautiful world in which we live.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

January calendar:

Special Services:

January 9th: at both services at All Saints, there will be an opportunity for rededicating ourselves in God's service.

January 30th: at 10.30am there will be a Cluster service at Fyfield. Therefore there won't be a morning service at All Saints or at St. Luke's.

Regular events:

Sat 8th Jan: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Sat. 8th Jan: 8.30 am Women's breakfast at Manor Farm.

Youth & Children's Groups

The church is involved in running a variety of weekly groups for young people during term time:

- Friday Club for primary age children (Fridays 5.30 pm at church)
- TAG for years 7,8,9 and 10 (Tuesdays 4 pm at Baptist Hall)
- ASK for years 5,6 and 7 (Sundays 4 pm at Buildings Farm).

Children's groups also run during the 10 am Sunday services at All Saints (apart from the 1st Sunday of the month where children remain in church for an All-Age worship service).

For more details of any aspect of our Youth and Children's work please contact Jill Rowe (390 885).

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm (8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on **Jan 9th** and thereafter on the **first** Sunday of each month.

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